



Science Toolkit: Grade 8 Objective 1.A.1.e

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Standard 1.0 Skills and Processes

Topic A. Constructing Knowledge

Indicator 1. Design, analyze, or carry out simple investigations and formulate appropriate conclusions based on data obtained or provided.

Objective e. Explain that if more than one variable changes at the same time in an investigation, the outcome of the investigation may not be clearly attributable to any one of the variables.

Selected Response (SR) Item

Question

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- B. on all three types of fruit after each fruit spoils
- C. on the banana on Day 1, the apple on Day 2, and the peach on Day 3
- D. on the banana after Hour 1, the apple after Hour 2, and the peach after Hour 3

Correct Answer

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